

THE DAY'S SUMMARY.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia—Rain, Wednesday and Thursday; warmer, Wednesday; light frost, Thursday; fresh southeast to south winds.

North Carolina—Rain, Wednesday and Thursday; fresh southeast to south winds.

Yesterday was one of the most disagreeable days of the season. Rain fell at intervals through the early evening and night, heavily at times, and the atmosphere was penetrating.

STATE OF THERMOMETER.

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| 9 A. M. | 35 |
| 12 M. | 35 |
| 3 P. M. | 40 |
| 6 P. M. | 45 |
| 9 P. M. | 45 |
| 12 M. | 45 |
| Average | 38 |
| Highest temperature—3 P. M. | 45 |
| Lowest temperature—12 M. | 35 |
| Mean temperature yesterday | 39 |
| Normal temperature for January | 39 |
| Departure from normal temperature | 0 |
| Precipitation during past 24 hours | .60 |

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

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| Sun rises | 7:10 |
| Sun sets | 5:25 |
| Moon rises | 6:20 |
| High tide | 10:30 |
| Low tide | 4:40 |

RICHMOND.

An ex-convict arrested, charged with forgery, though it is not yet known whether the man is the same who was arrested at the same place last year. The man was arrested at the same place last year.

Virginia.

Movement to secure a local option election in the city of Richmond. The movement is being carried on by the city of Richmond.

North Carolina.

Another meeting of the Democratic legislative caucus falls to reach a nomination. Watson makes some remarks; charges that the ballot-box was stuffed. Discussion in the House in regard to the signing of trained nurses. Other important measures considered by the General Assembly. The school question continues. The school question continues.

GENERAL.

Sentiment changes and prominent Northern men favor the placing of a statue of Lee in the Statuary Hall of the National Capitol. New York. Grand Army men heartily favor the placing of a statue of the Southern chieftain on the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial.

JUDGE WITT TO BE OPERATED UPON.

Well-Known Jurist to Be Removed to the Virginia Hospital To-Day.

Judge Samuel B. Witt, of the Hustings Court of Richmond, will to-day be removed from his residence, on Park Avenue, to the Virginia Hospital, where an operation, not a dangerous one, will be performed on Thursday.

Judge Witt has been unwell for several weeks, but he is in a cheerful mood, and many friends have called to see him within the last few days.

Judge Witt will necessarily have to be away from his office for several weeks, and Judge John H. Ingram, of the Corporation Court of Manchester, will in the meantime preside over the Hustings Court of Richmond.

SCORES DEAD AND INJURED

The Royal Blue Ploughs Through Local Train.

FOUR COACHES WERE TELESCOPED

Wreckage Caught Fire and Men Burned to Death.

HARROWING WERE SCENES WITNESSED

In Sight of Those Who Were Working to Save Passengers Who Were Devoured by Fierce Flames—Express Was Running at Top Speed When Awful Crash Came.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—One of the most appalling railroad wrecks that has occurred in the vicinity of New York for many years, the loss of life being more than twenty-four persons, took place to-night at Graceland, on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, near Westfield, N. J., when the Royal Blue Line Express ploughed at top speed into the rear of a local train.

Sixteen charred bodies have now been taken out. Eight dead were either recovered before the fire or died after being taken out. The bodies were either recovered before the fire or died after being taken out.

Immediately after the crash three scattered cars of the local train took fire, rendering impossible the rescue of many of the wounded, who were pinned fast in the wreck. Many bodies are believed to have been consumed.

On board the train all the passengers, although badly shaken up, escaped uninjured except for trifling bruises.

THE DEAD.

The dead so far identified are:

EDWARD WILLIAM, a New York lawyer.

C. P. Thayer, of Plainfield, secretary to Thomas C. Platt.

HARRY G. HAND, of New York city.

HARRY PATTERSON, of Dunellen.

GEORGE E. REED, of Scotch Plains.

THOMAS C. PLATT, of Plainfield.

ROWLAND R. CHANDLER, of Plainfield.

EDWARD FLYNN, of Plainfield.

In addition to this list, there are many charred bodies, unidentified, still at the scene of the wreck.

The injured are:

Among the injured are:

William Geddes, of Dunellen, both legs broken.

George Chandler, spine injured.

Charles Long Worthly, injured all over body.

Mrs. Belch, both legs broken and body crushed.

Mary Ryan, injured about head.

William Van Venter, out about body and face.

Everett Reighton, both legs cut off.

Miss Lizzy Keller, scalp torn off.

Percy Irving, Dunellen, legs crushed.

Mrs. Quelean, bruised about body and head.

WAS RUNNING LATE.

The train which was into left New York at 6:05 o'clock and runs as an express to Bound Brook, making stops at Elizabeth, Westfield and Plainfield. Beyond Bound Brook it runs as a local.

The Royal Blue left fifteen minutes late, but travels at a high rate of speed and makes no stop except at Elizabeth, and is scheduled to overtake the slower train just beyond Graceland, where the local switches from track 3 on to track 4 to permit the Royal Blue to pass.

reach them. At times, while toiling in the wreckage the flames reached the rescuers, and their clothing took fire, but they worked on, though in constant danger of being killed themselves. Some of the injured were burned to death in sight of the men who were working with desperation to save them, but the flames soon gained complete mastery of the two last cars.

FIREMEN TO RESCUE.

The firemen from Westfield were summoned by telephone, but arrived too late to save many lives. Doctors were called for from Elizabeth, Westfield and Plainfield, and there was a score on hand.

The parlor cars of the Royal Blue Line train were converted into temporary hospitals. The dead as they were taken out were laid in a row alongside the track until means could be found to convey them to Plainfield.

The firemen after a time mastered the flames. Then the wreckage was attacked again and the work of removing the bodies was begun. Out of the first car eight bodies were taken.

SIGHT HORRIBLE.

The sight while the wreck was burning was horrifying. Men could be seen in the wreckage pinned fast amid the timbers of the cars and struggling to be free, while the flames roared around them. The rescuers were helpless to aid them, as they already had been driven from the wreck by the flames. One of those who tried to take out a man pinned in found that he was held down by one leg near the ankle, and seeing it would be useless to do anything else, is said to have finally severed the man's leg and then carried him to one of the parlor-cars. Both rescued and rescuer were badly burned.

When the engine ploughed into the rear car it partly split the car open and at the same time lifted it up and on to itself. This car was the first to take fire, and most of those in it are dead. Some of them are believed to be beneath the overturned engine.

Those in the car ahead, which was (Continued on Third Page.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Senate is to Choose Three Members To-Day.

THE PROBABLE MEMBERS

Prof. W. A. Bowles, of Staunton, and Charles W. Kent, of the University, Thought to Be Certain—Others Who Are Mentioned.

The Senate to-day will elect three members of the State Board of Education.

There are lively contests for the positions. Under the new Constitution, the board will be composed of the Governor, Attorney-General and Superintendent of Public Instruction, together with three members to be elected by the people.

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CANCER IS CURED BY THE X-RAY

The Dread Disease Yields at Last to Science.

CASE REPORTED BY DR. BEADLES

Little or No Pain Is Attendant Upon the Method.

TREATMENT KILLS THE DEADLY GERM

A Plan Which is in Vogue Elsewhere Introduced Here—The Patient, Sixty-six Years Old, Was Cured by Twenty-four Applications.

What Dr. Beadles Says Concerning It.

The first distinct success in the new painless and harmless X-ray treatment for cancer and other malignant growths has just been reported in Richmond, and it is more than likely that as a result no distant day will see an extensive employment here of this method, which is already being used with advantage in Northern cities and hospitals.

The new treatment, to a large extent, robs the cancerous growth of its terrors to the patient. Heretofore it has been with dread that the sufferer submitted himself to the care of his physician, for it was known to him that if fortunate enough to be cured of the disease the harsh, caustic treatment or the necessary incision was of such character as to leave its lasting mark upon him, the sign of days of agony. Now it is all different. The X-ray searches out the spot and destroys the germ, while the patient suffers absolutely no pain.

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THIS MAN A FORGER BY PROXY

A Remarkable Charge Against J. T. Lane.

ALLEGED PLAN OF PROCEDURE

Reputable Merchants Induced to Draw His Checks

AND SIGN THEM FOR THEIR CUSTOMER

He is Alleged to Have Succeeded in This Manner in Securing a Sum of Money—He Was Released from the Penitentiary Only Short Time Ago, and Bears a Very Bad Reputation

At the instance of Detective-Captain Tomlinson, Julian T. Lane, who was only released from the penitentiary last week on a habeas corpus proceeding brought in the City Circuit Court, was arrested yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Patrolmen Folkes, of the First District, on two charges of forgery. The officers are confident of securing a conviction in each case, although Lane stoutly denies all knowledge of either of the crimes which have been laid at his door.

The arrest of Lane, who since his release seems to have been operating under the alias of J. T. Lowry, divulges one of the most remarkable criminal operations with which the local police have ever had anything to do, the cunningly clever work of the man being an absolute marvel, the like of which has never before happened in this city.

FORGERY CHARGED.

Despite the fact that Lane can neither read nor write, it is alleged that he perpetrated one of the smoothest forgeries imaginable, by which two up-to-date, twentieth-century business men were duped, one of them being a prominent merchant of this city.

When the amount of money derived by Lane is known, one is led to believe that the game was not worth the candle, but the officer attributed the size of swindles to the fact that Lane during his long confinement was led to regard one penny as an average man would look upon a dollar. Money to the amount of \$10 was looked upon by the ex-convict as a small fortune.

While yet clothed in the garb furnished by the penitentiary officials at the expense of the State and while his former associates were envying him the good luck of Lane and probably wondering how he was enjoying his long-sought liberty, the man, it is charged, was involving himself, alone but assisted, in a crooked operation, which promises to send him once more to the prison, in the event a conviction is secured.

WON THEIR CONFIDENCE.

According to police statements, yesterday Lane had succeeded in actually swindling out of T. J. King & Company, of No. 121 East Marshall Street, the amount of \$17,000. But the workings of the operation, the manner in which Lane played off his game against the other, winning the confidence of the head of each, sounds more like a fairy-tale than it does the truth.

Last Saturday Lane appeared at the branch store of the King Company on East Marshall Street. He saw the manager, Mr. R. E. Bruce, to whom he stated that he had been married only a few days and was desirous of purchasing a cooking range for his better half. He had also promised his wife a new lamp and several cooking utensils, all of which he wished to get as quickly as possible without putting the firm to any great inconvenience.

Mr. Bruce showed Lane several stoves and the man finally settled upon one worth about \$17. He was in no haste to close the trade, however, and several times attempted to get a small reduction for cash. This being denied him, Lane set about buying the utensils and the promised lamp. It required nearly an hour to suit the desire of the man, after which in the most straightforward manner imaginable he told the salesman that he lived at Hanover Courthouse and would want the goods shipped there.

TO CASH A CHECK.

Lane informed Mr. Bruce that he would have to get a check cashed before paying for the goods, and would return later in the day. There was nothing strange in this, and Mr. Bruce thought no more of the affair, having the stove and other purchases laid aside, preparatory to shipping them on Monday following. While in the store the man spoke of several prominent people at Hanover Courthouse with whom he was acquainted, Lane sauntered around to the hardware store of Mr. H. Clay Lynn, No. 492 Brook Avenue. He found the proprietor, Mr. H. E. Bruce, to whom he stated that he lived at Hanover Courthouse and would want the goods shipped there.

Lane then said that he wished the goods shipped to Ashland on Monday, but would pay for them at once. He asked for a check on the First National Bank, but as there was none in the house, Mr. Lynn changed a National Bank of Virginia check, turning it over to Lane to fill out.

SIGNED IT FOR HIM.

The ex-convict said he could not write,

and asked that Mr. Lynn draw up the check. The name and amount was filled, and again the paper was passed to Lynn for his signature, but the man shook his head, saying he could only make his mark.

Mr. Lynn wrote the name J. T. Lowry in the proper place, leaving a space between the initials and the name for Lane to make his mark, but the man would not place the mark in this place, claiming that he had a special arrangement with the bank by which he always made his mark in the right hand corner of the paper. This was done, and the deal concluded, so far as Mr. Lynn was concerned, he intending to have the paper certified at the bank Monday before shipping the goods to Ashland.

Lane, however, was not ready to leave the place. He had another matter on his mind. He asked Mr. Lynn to draw another check for \$1250, payable to himself. This was done, and once again Lane, alias Lowry, made his mark in the corner of the check. He remained in the store for some little time talking about various things, and more than once referring to his wife, Grace, whom he gave Mr. Lynn a hearty handshake, promising to call again when he came to Richmond.

SCRATCHED OUT MARKS.

With the check for \$1250 in his pocket, Lane returned to the Marshall Street house. But in the meantime he had, with a penknife, scratched his mark off the corner of the paper, and the work was so cleverly executed that it was not noticeable.

To Mr. Bruce he tendered the check in payment for the goods he had agreed to take earlier in the day. The difference between the amount of the purchase and the face of the check was only \$7.02, and Mr. Bruce had been convinced by the quiet manner of the man that he was all right, and he agreed to return the difference in cash. Before doing this, however, Lane made his mark on the back of the paper, by way of endorsement, and this time the mark was made between the initials and the name. It was (Continued on Tenth Page.)

Change of Sentiment in Regard to Halsey Bill.

EVEN CRUMPACKER APPROVES PLAN

South's Bitterest Enemy Says Virginia Should Decide.

BEVERIDGE WILL NOT OPPOSE MOVE.

Says He Had No Time to Consider the Proposition, but is Inclined to Believe He Would Favor Receiving Statue of General Lee for Statuary Hall.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—That there is a change of sentiment about the Capitol in regard to accepting the proposed offer of Virginia to place the statue of General Robert E. Lee in Statuary Hall is evident from statements to-day by prominent Republicans. Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, was one of those who favor accepting the statue, and Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, was another. Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, said he had not had time to consider the question fully, but he inclined to believe he would favor accepting the statue.

Representatives Hay and Flood are both strongly in favor of the Legislature passing the Halsey bill.

DEWEY UNPOUNDED.

Of all the Northern men who have been seen, Senator Depew, of New York, is the most hearty in his expressions of favor to the acceptance of the statue.